

RESPIRATION IN PLANTS

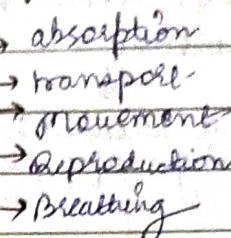
Net gain of ATP in glycolysis = 2 ATP
in Krebs cycle = 2y ATP

1) All breathe → live

Glucose - favoured substrate for respiration

2) All organisms need energy for carrying out daily life activities

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* Process of breathing very much connected to Process of release of energy from food.

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* Energy for "life processes" is obtained by Oxidation of some macromolecule (food)

* Only Cyanobacteria, Green plants can prepare own food (by photosynthesis)

→ trap light energy & convert it into chemical energy

① In green plants too

Not all cells, tissues, organs photosynthesise.

Bonds of carbohydrates stored in like

Glucose → Sucrose → Starch

Only cells having chloroplast located in SUPERFICIAL LAYERS carry out photosynthesis.

Hence even in Green plants, all other organs, tissues, cells that are non-green, need food for oxidation

Food has to be transported to all non-green parts

* Animals are HETEROTROPHS obtain food from plants directly (HERBIVORE)
indirectly (CARNIVORE)

* Saproxytes → Fungi dependent on dead & decaying matter.

* All food that is required for life comes from photosynthesis.

* CELLULAR RESPIRATION → mechanism of breakdown of food material within the cell to release energy, & trapping of this energy for synthesis of ATP.

* Photosynthesis in chloroplast (in eukaryotes), Respiration in cytoplasm / Mitochondria (in eukaryotes)

RESPIRATION - Breaking of C-C bonds of complex comp. through oxidation within cells, leading to release of considerable amount of energy.

* Compounds that are oxidized → Respiratory Substrate

* During OXIDATION

within a cell, all

energy contain in a resp.

substrate TANISHA SACHAN

① Usually carbohydrates
but protein, fats, even organic acids can
be used as resp. substrate in

some plants

under certain conditions

not released in a single step / or free into cell

Its released in a series of slow step-wise reactions

controlled by

enzymes

ATP ← form of

chemical energy ← trapped as

* Hence, energy released by oxidation in respiration

is not used directly

but used to synthesise ATP

① whenever
② whenever

Energy trapped in ATP
used in various processes.

Energy currency of the cell

which can be broken down

Carbon skeleton produced during respiration

is used as

precursors for biosynthesis of other molecules in cell

DO PLANTS BREATHE?

Plants have a system that ensure availability of O_2 .

Plants → no specialised organ for Gaseous exchange

allow gas exchange but have • stomata
• diffusion by Lenticels for this purpose.

Several reasons why plants can get along without respiratory organs

① Each plant part takes care of its own needs (gas exchange needs)

② Plants do not present great demands for gas exchange.

③ Distance that gases must diffuse is not great (even in great, bulky plants)

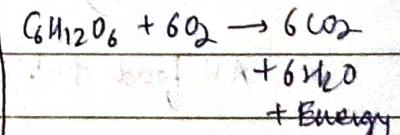
④ Very little transport of gases from one plant part to another.

④ Roots, stems, leaves respire at rates far lower than animals do.

• Complete combustion of glucose yields energy which is given out as heat.

* Each living cell, in a plant is located quite close to surface
(THIS IS TRUE FOR LEAVES)

⑤ During photosynthesis only large volumes of gases exchanged & each leaf is well adapted to take care of its own needs during these periods.



* In strong, living cells are arranged in thin layers inside & beneath the bark.

⑥ When cells photosynthesise, availability of O_2 not a problem in these cells since O_2 is released within cells

Key is to oxidise glucose in several steps

enabling some steps to be just large enough such that energy released can be coupled to ATP synthesis.

not all liberated energy goes out as heat.

also have openings → LENTICELS

This is also facilitated by - loose packing of parenchyma cells in roots, stems, leaves

(which provide interconnected network of air spaces)

Cells in inferior → Dead Mechanical support.
thus, most cells of a plant have at least a part of their surface in contact with air

Glycolysis

originated from GREEK WORDS → Glycos means sugar
lysis means splitting

* The only process in respiration in anaerobic organisms

EMP pathway cause its scheme was given by Otto Meyerhof Date page J. Parnas

occurs in cytoplasm

present in all living organisms

Glucose undergoes partial oxidation to form 2 mol of pyruvic acid

* In Plants → (Glucose) is derived from (Sucrose) end product of photosynthesis from storage carbohydrates

* Sucrose invertase enzyme → (Glucose + Fructose) readily enter into Glycolytic pathway

* Glycolysis is chain of ten reactions under control of different enzymes

* Glucose & Fructose phosphorylated to give Glucose-6-phosphate (Hexokinase)

Subsequent steps are same in glucose & fructose. ← Fructose-6-phosphate Homologous to

* Pyruvic acid is key product of Glycolysis

its fate depends on cellular need.
depends on organism O₂ availability

3 major phase in which different cells handle Pyruvic Acid

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LACTIC ACID

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ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION

AEROBIC RESPIRATION

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* Fermentation takes place under anaerobic conditions in many prokaryotes unicellular eukaryotes

(Major pathways of Anaerobic Respiration)

Glucose

Cytosolic

Lactic acid

$\text{NAD}^+ \rightarrow \text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$

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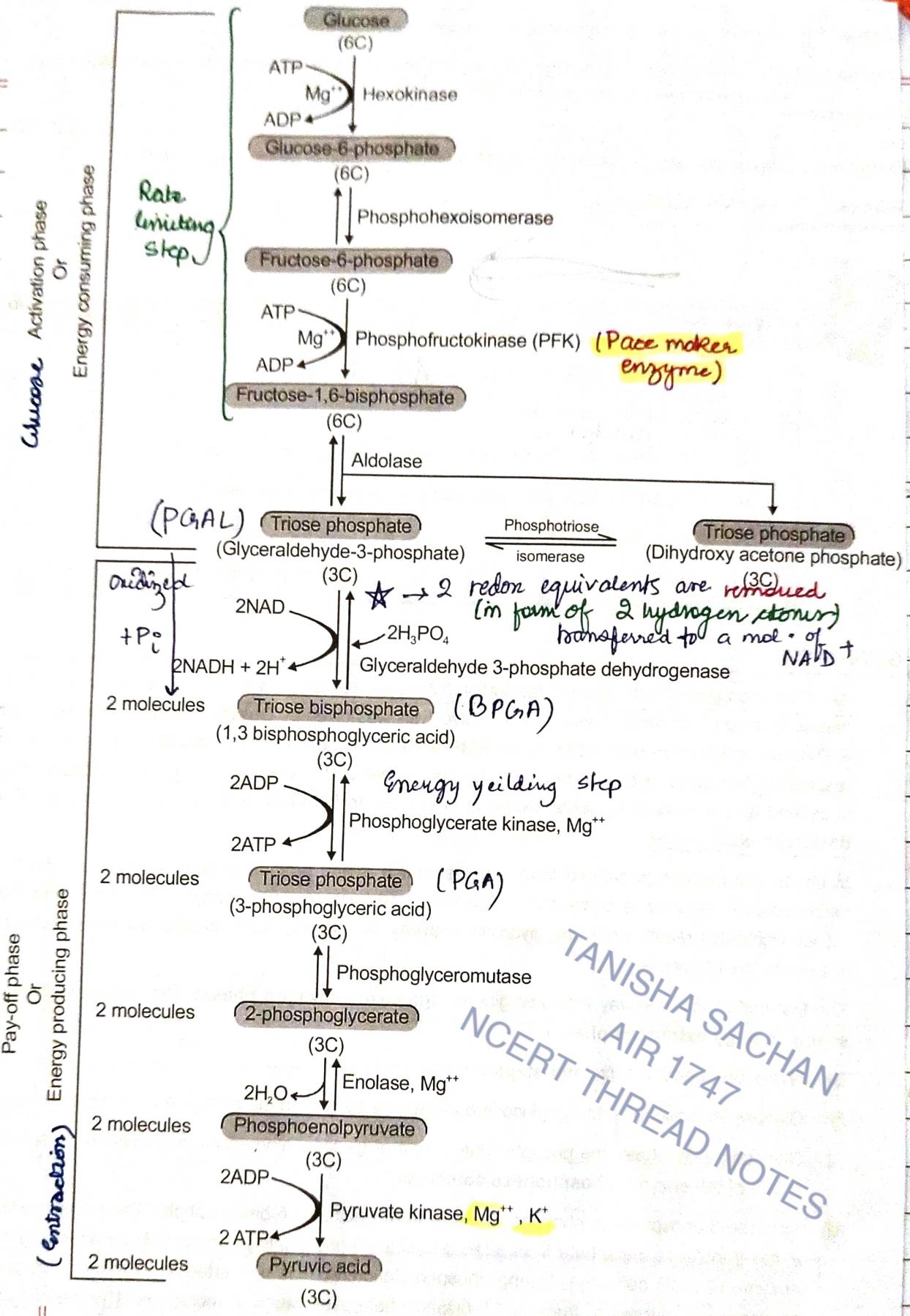
3 Phosphoglyceric acid

Pyruvic acid

$\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{NAD}^+$

Ethanol + CO₂

Phosphoenol pyruvate acid



Fermentation takes place in **prokaryotes**
unicellular eukaryotes
Germminating seeds

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* Enzymes that catalyze these reactions

PYRUVIC
ACID

DECARBOXYLASE

ALCOHOL
DEHYDROGENASE

→ by yeast

→ incomplete oxidation of glucose

under anaerobic condition

by sets of steps where pyruvic acid converted to Ethanol

mpf

CO₂

Some Bacteria produce Lactic Acid from pyruvic acid

* In ANIMAL CELLS (Ex-Muscles)

during exercise

when O₂ is inadequate

for cellular respiration

Pyruvic acid

In both

LACTIC ACID FERMENTATION

ALCOHOL FERMENTATION

Lactic acid

< 7% energy in glucose is released.

reduced by

lactate dehydrogenase

Reducing agent → NADH + H⁺

NAD⁺ reduced to (in both processes)

HAZARDOUS PROCESSES → acid is produced

alcohol is produced

not all of it is trapped as High energy bonds of ATP

YEAST — poison that leads to death when concentration of alcohol reaches 13%

AEROBIC RESPIRATION

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most common in HIGHER ORGANISM

in eukaryotes takes place in Mitochondria

Requires O₂

leads to complete oxidation of organic subs (in presence of O₂)

(1) H₂O (2) CO₂

(3) Large amt of energy

& releases

matrix of mitochondria

Complete oxidation of pyruvate by step-wise removal of all H- atoms leaving 3 CO₂

CRUCIAL EVENTS

Passing on of the e⁻ removed as part of Hydrogen to molecular O₂

inner membrane of mitochondria

simultaneous synthesis of ATP with

Pyruvate formed by Glycolytic catabolism of carbohydrate in Cytosol.

after it enters Mitochondrial matrix if undergoes oxidative decarboxylation by complete set of reaction

① Coenzyme A

② NAD⁺

③ Several coenzymes &

Pyruvic dehydrogenase catalyzed by

* Pyruvic acid + COA + NAD⁺ $\xrightarrow{Mg^{2+}}$ Acetyl CoA + CO₂ + NADH + H⁺

* During this process — 2 (NADH + H⁺) produced from 2 pyruvate (by 1 glucose)

① Acetyl CoA enters cyclic Pathway → Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle (Krebs Cycle)

elucidated by

who first

Hans Krebs

named after

TRICARBOXYLIC ACID CYCLE

- ① Starts with - Condensation of acetyl group + OAA & water $\xrightarrow{\text{to yield}} \text{Citric acid}$
- ② Citrate $\xrightarrow[\text{a mol. of CoA}]{\text{then isomericized}}$ Isocitrate $\xrightarrow[1 \text{ cycle of decarboxylation}]{\text{1 cycle of}} \alpha\text{-Ketoglutaric acid}$
- allows cycle to continue
- ③ Succinyl CoA $\xrightarrow[1 \text{ cycle of decarboxylation}]{\text{oxidised}} (\text{Sucaryl CoA}) \xleftarrow{\text{oxidised}} \text{OAA}$
- ④ Succinyl CoA $\xrightarrow[1 \text{ GTP}]{\text{1 GTP}} \text{Succinic Acid}$ [Substrate Level phosphorylation]

* GTP is converted to GDP with simultaneous ATP (from ADP) synthesis of

* 3 points in cycle - NAD^+ reduced to $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$

* 1 point in cycle - FAD^+ reduced to FADH_2

* OAA 1st member of the cycle

Its continuous replacement req. for continued of acetate in TCA.

* Also req. → regeneration of NAD^+ & FAD^+ from NADH & FADH_2 .

* Till now released $\xrightarrow[2 \text{ mol ATP}]{\substack{8 \text{ mol } \text{NADH} + \text{H}^+ \\ 2 \text{ mol } \text{FADH}_2}} \xrightarrow{\text{by 1 glucose}}$

Summary Eqn.

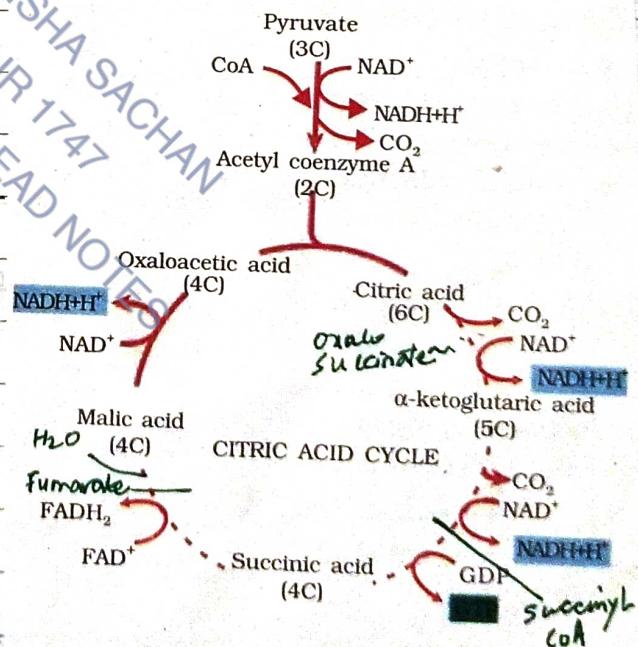
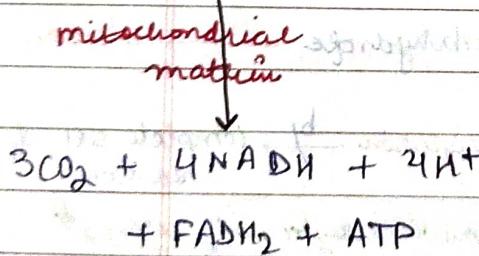
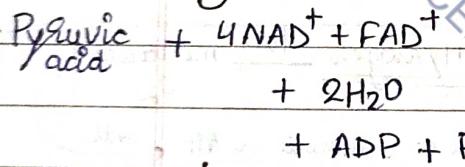
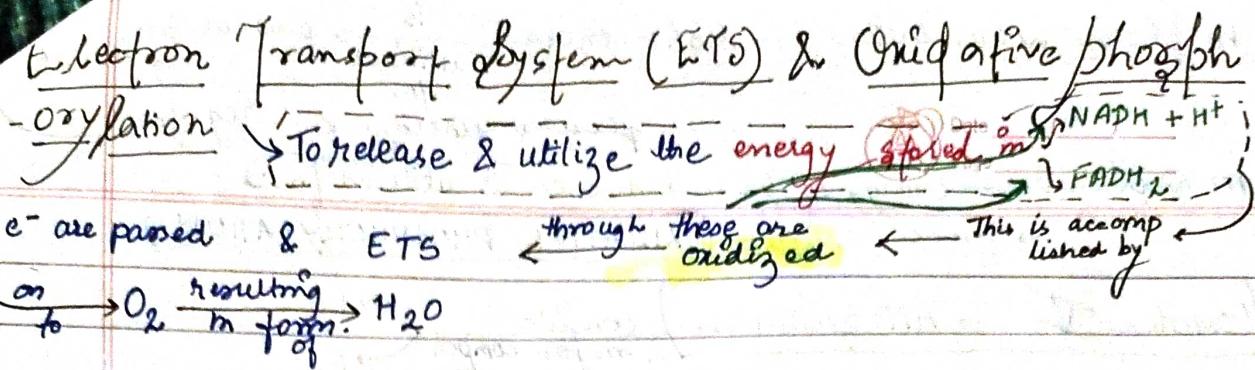
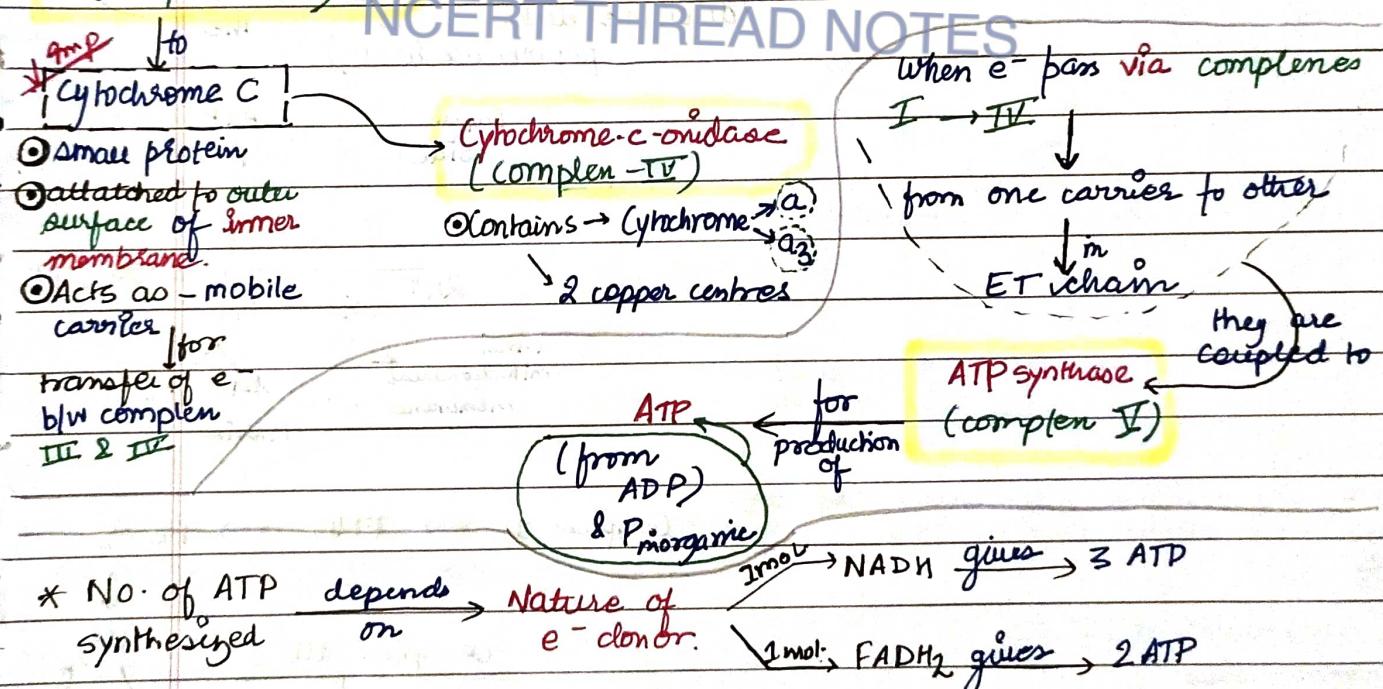
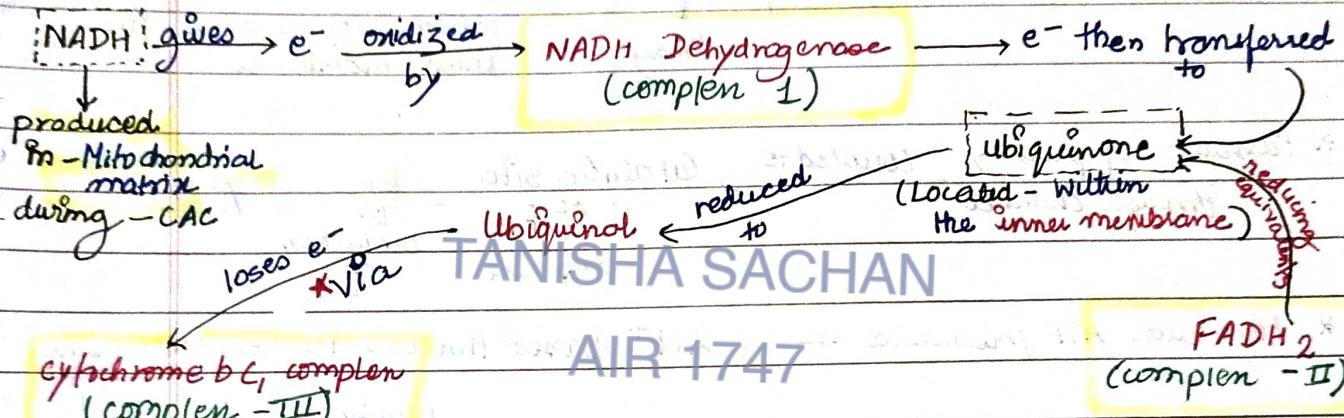


Figure 14.3 The Citric acid cycle



(* Metabolic pathway through which e^- passes from one carrier to other)

Inner mitochondrial membrane present in (ETS) (e^- transport system)



* Although aerobic process of respiration takes place only in presence of oxygen. \rightarrow Role of O_2 is limited to terminal stage of process.

Oxygen acts as Final acceptor of H_2 by removing hydrogen from the system since it drives whole process yet O_2 presence is vital

Also, O_2 is ultimate acceptor of e^- \rightarrow O_2 gets reduced to H_2O .

In photophosphorylation — light energy $\xrightarrow{\text{is utilised}}$ prod. of proton gradient for phosphorylation \leftarrow reg. for

In respiration — Energy of Oxid.-Reduction is utilised for
hence called — (OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION.)

Complex IV \rightarrow ATP Synthetase consists of 2 major components F_1 and F_0

F_1 headpiece

① Peripheral membrane protein complex

② Contains — site for synthesis of ATP from ADP + Pi.

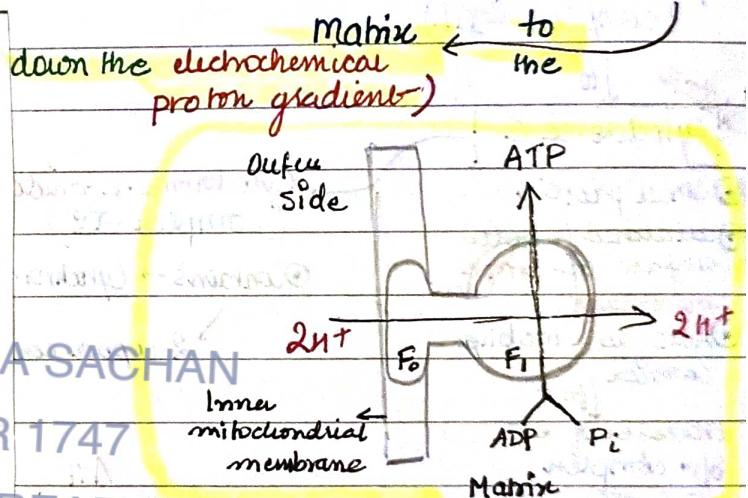
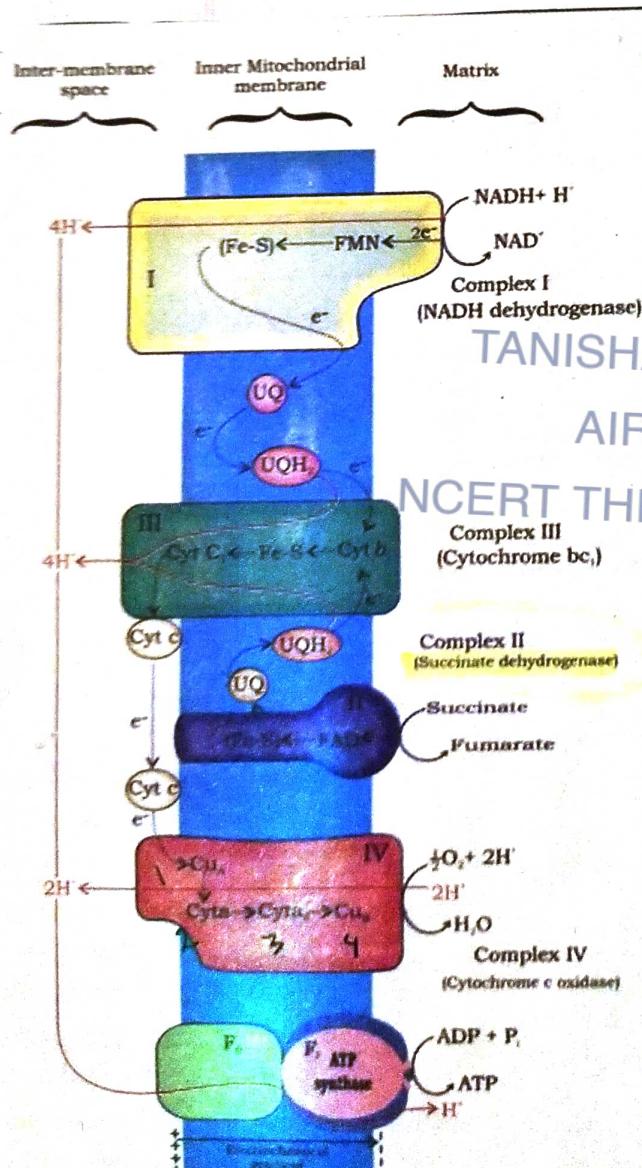
F_0

① Integral membrane protein complex

② Forms a channel through which protons cross the inner membrane

* Passage of protons coupled to catalytic site of F_1 for the production of ATP.

* For each ATP produced $\rightarrow 2H^+$ pass through F_0 from intermembrane space



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Complex I \rightarrow FMN \rightarrow Fe-S

Complex II \rightarrow UQH₂ \rightarrow UQ

Complex III \rightarrow Cyt c₁ \rightarrow FeS \rightarrow Cyt b

Cyt c \rightarrow Cyt a \rightarrow Cyt a₃ \rightarrow Cyt b

Complex IV \rightarrow Cu₁ \rightarrow Cu₂ \rightarrow O₂ \rightarrow H₂O

Cyt c₁ \rightarrow FeS \rightarrow Cyt b \rightarrow Cyt c

Cyt a \rightarrow Cyt a₃ \rightarrow Cyt b \rightarrow Cyt c₁

Complex IV \rightarrow Cu₁ \rightarrow Cu₂ \rightarrow O₂ \rightarrow H₂O

RESPIRATORY BALANCE SHEET

Theoretical exercise

Certain assumptions

Date _____
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Sequential
orderly pathway
functioning

with
one substrate forming
the other

Glycolysis \rightarrow TCA \rightarrow ETS

NADH synthesised in
Glycolysis transferred
to Mitochondria
undergo oxidative
phosphorylation

None of intermediate
utilized

to synthesise any
other comp.

Only glucose
being respirated

[no other alternative
substrate
are entering pathway
at any of intermediate
stages]

This kind of assumption \rightarrow in a living system

All pathways work simultaneously { substrate withdrawn as when necessary}

ATP utilised as when needed

Enzymatic rates controlled by multiple means

Net gain - 38 ATP

(during aerobic resp
of 1 mol. glucose)

Fermentation

Partial breakdown of glucose.

Net gain = 2 ATP (degraded to Pyruvic acid)

(NADH oxidized \rightarrow NAD⁺) slowly

Aerobic Respiration

Completed degradation of glucose into CO₂ & H₂O

Net gain = More

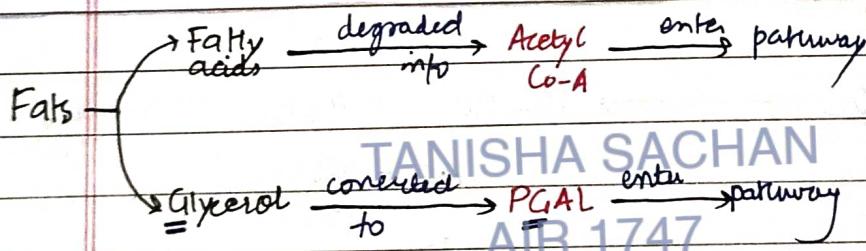
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AMPHIBOLIC PATHWAY

Glucose \rightarrow favoured substrate too respiration

All carbohydrates are usually Glucose first converted into then used for respiration

Other substrate respiration do not enter pathway at 1st step



Proteins degraded by proteases
 \downarrow individual AA (after deamination)
 \downarrow depending on their structure would enter Krebs cycle as Pyruvate or acetyl Co-A

Very comp. are withdrawn from respiratory pathway for the synthesis of said substrates.

Fatty acids broken down to Acetyl Co-A $\xleftarrow{\text{respiratory path before entering}}$
but when organism need to synthesize fatty acids

Similarly, during breakdown of protein synthesis

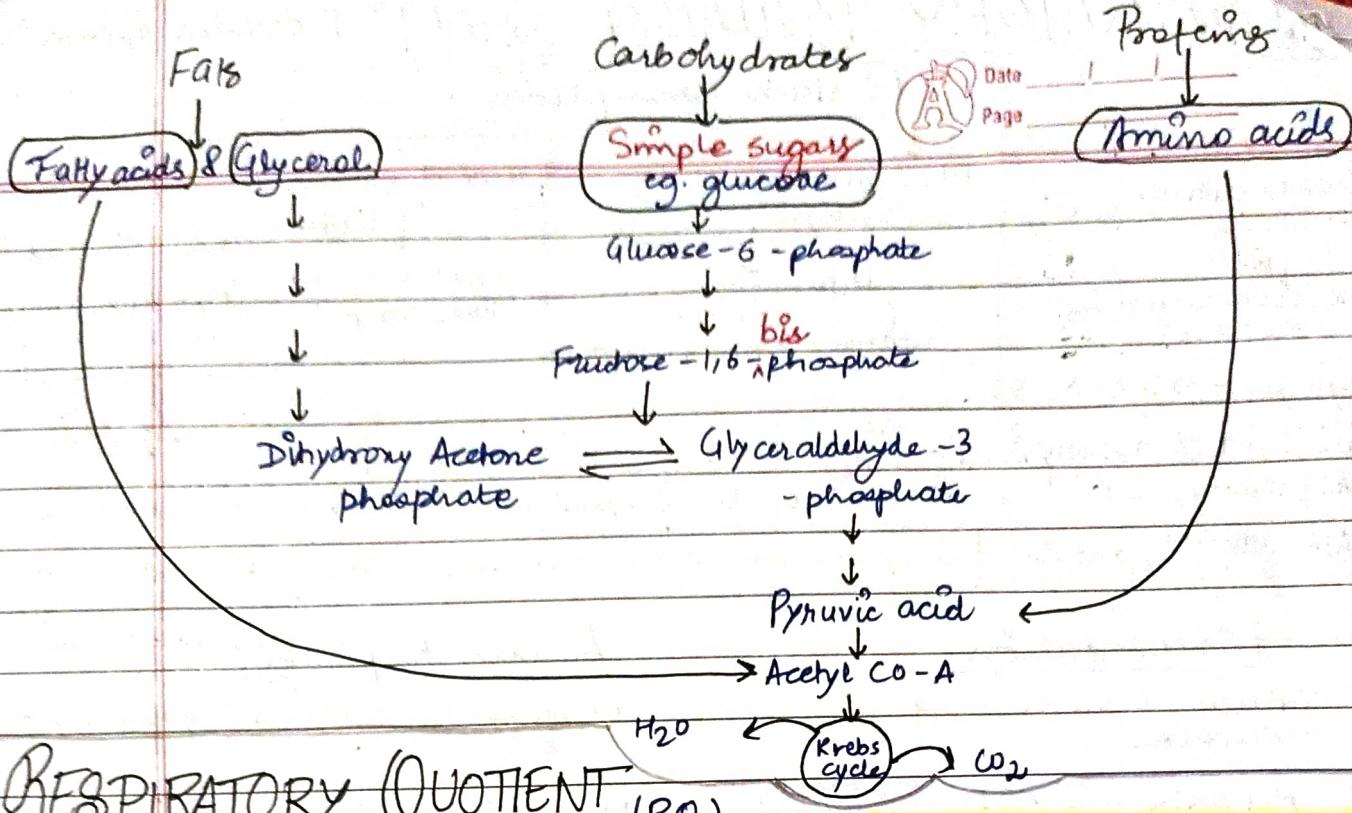
respiratory intermediates form part link

Respiratory pathway would be Acetyl Co-A withdrawn from

Breakdown of substrate - catabolism

Respiratory pathway involved in both catabolism and anabolism hence its Amphibolic pathway

Synthesis - anabolism

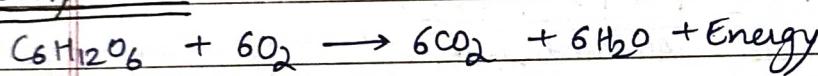


RESPIRATORY QUOTIENT (RQ)

$$RQ = \frac{\text{Volume of } CO_2 \text{ evolved}}{\text{Volume of } O_2 \text{ consumed}}$$

RQ, depends on → type of respiration
- tony substrate

Carbohydrates



$$RQ = \frac{6CO_2}{6O_2} - 1.0$$

Fatty acids

Example, Tripalmitin



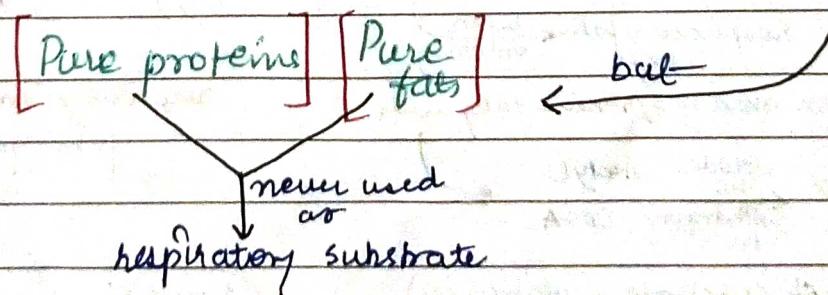
$$\text{TANISHA SACHAN } RQ = \frac{102 \text{ CO}_2}{145 \text{ O}_2} = 0.7$$

Proteins

$$RQ < 1 \approx 0.9$$

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~~Imp. Note~~ \Rightarrow In Living Organisms \rightarrow Respiratory substrates often more than one (1)



ATP ACCOUNT / Balance Sheet (At a glance)

ATP account	Direct synthesis	In ETS		ATP consumed	Net gain
		From $[NADH + H^+]$ *	From $FADH_2$ **		
From glycolysis	4	6 From $2 \times [NADH + H^+]$	Nil	2	8
From acetylation of pyruvic acid	Nil	6 (From 2 pyruvic acid)	Nil	Nil	6
From Krebs' cycle (from 2 cycles)	2	18 From $6 \times [NADH + H^+]$	4 From $2 \times [FADH_2]$ (3 in each cycle)	Nil	24
Total gain	6	30	4	-2	38

* One $[NADH + H^+]$ can give 3 ATPs (when enters the ETS)
** One $FNDH_2$ can give only 2 ATP (when enters the ETS)

In this calculation, two turns of Krebs' cycle have been considered. This is because, one glucose produces two pyruvic acid and two acetyl CoA. Hence two cycles occur for each glucose molecule.

Mitochondria which are produced outside of mitochondria (i.e., in cytoplasm) can give only 2 ATPs under physiological conditions. So, final net gain per glucose is only **36 ATPs**.

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